

NEWSLETTER November / December 2005



Many grateful thanks to all of you who have supported us so generously this year.

As I write, due to the dedicated hard work and organising abilities of Lisa, Louise, Gemma and their enthusiastic team, the new roof is being fitted to the Sanctuary. The cats and the volunteers who visit them so as to clean, feed and socialise, will have a much warmer and dryer winter! Special thanks go to MOD for the generous donation towards the renovations, and MOD friends, Jamie, Annie and friends, who are doing so much hard work. A and M Scaffolding kindly donated the scaffolding to support the roof, and Greg and friends are erecting it. It is wonderful to have local business supporting us!

Our 4th 'SNIP A STRAY' took place in the middle of September. We had a wonderful team of local volunteers out trapping cats till the early hours of the morning and assisting in our Clinic. The Clinic premises were once again a kind favour of MOD who also gave us a generous donation towards medical costs...

Our four volunteer vets and nurses from the UK were an absolute pleasure to work with, and gave unstintingly of their talents. As always, Ian of Kismet Account, organised things from the UK side, raised money and helped us trapping. Grateful thanks also to Luke of World Vets for continual support in sourcing volunteers. Without the GSPCA's most generous partnership, we would have been hard pressed financially to undertake the "SNIP". As always, Mark of Rosia/ICC Vet Clinic was a great help to us.

Since our first Clinic in June of last year we have caught, spayed/neutered and released nearly 700 cats. We certainly have gone a long way in controlling the homeless cat population, and as a result, eliminated a lot of unnecessary suffering!

Bootsales, Jumble Sales, memberships (£10pa) and donations have helped feed the Sanctuary cats and pay their medical bills over the last few months. We have a lot of extra expenses paying for kittens that are often brought to us in a very poor state and also abandoned cats suffering from neglect. Once again, Mark gave us a generous settlement discount!

The FOOD BOX in front of the tills at Morrison's is a great help in feeding our cats. We are most grateful to all of you who so kindly contribute.

Some of our Committee recently held a constructive meeting with the MINISTER for the ENVIRONMENT, Mr Netto, after he graciously visited the Sanctuary to see for himself what we are doing. Many issues were discussed, and for all of us, the most important, is the protection of all cats that have been neutered/spayed - identified by the left ear being clipped. In otherwords, they become "community cats" that play a necessary part in controlling the rats, mice and 'roaches that come down from the Rock. This will mean that they won't be culled (killed), just because someone in the vicinity "doesn't like cats" . We are undertaking a PETITION to the Minister calling for a regulation to protect such "community cats" from indiscriminate cullings. We need you help in collecting signatures. If you will assist, please phone one of our volunteers to arrange for a list.





WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Last Saturday we held a JUMBLE SALE/BRIC a BRAC in front of the Piazza. We had a great team selling, while the rest of our 'crew' were up at the SANCTUARY keeping the cats calm while Jamie and his MOD team broke down walls, built new ones and A and M Scaffolding did their important bit! This is the really serious part of the restoration of the Sanctuary. Champaign will be popping when the Electricity is connected and Jackie and Christine don't have to use a torch of a night when they go up after work to clean!!

On SATURDAY 26th NOV we're holding another JUMBLE SALE on the PIAZZA. Good quality clothing, Bric a Brac and books will be very welcome. Drop off as always with Deborah at ALBOR (next to Bianca's) Marina Bay or phone one of us to arrange collection.

On MONDAY 28th NOV we're holding a BOOK SALE at the GARRISON LIBRARY.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS will be on sale for you AND for your companion animals

CAKES for sale

FACE PAINTING for the children.

£1.00 Entrance includes a glass of MULLED WINE and a MINCE PIE, or Tea/Coffee and a mince pie! TIME 4pm to 9pm.

Mr HO HO from the North Pole will be there, but his Reindeer must stay outside or clamps!!!

(Anything to sell will be gratefully appreciated)

Barbara of the SILVER SHOP has most generously donated a car load of gorgeous "goodies" from her shops for us to sell for our funds. They will be on sale at the Garrison Library and the Convent...

On THURSDAY 1st DEC we're sharing a table at the CONVENT BAZAAR with the GSPCA. We'll be selling lovely christmas gifts for you and your companion animals. Please come and support us, and all the other worthy causes...

On SATURDAY 17th DEC we're back on the PIAZZA and holding out CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. CAKES and GIFTS will also be for sale. Can you help sell tickets before the time please? Make a cake?

Volunteers are needed to help in the Sanctuary on a regular basis. If you can give some time, are not afraid of hard work, we'd love to have you on our team.

Cat Welfare Volunteers and Cats wish you and your pets a very blessed Christmas and peaceful 2006.

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We have a number of playful kittens and loving cats that are being fostered in private homes and at the Sanctuary. They are awaiting loving homes...

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PS Cat stretchies are by Jackie - visiting Saip Vet Nurse. Some of the work will be on sale at our fund-raiser!

